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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. Prices in Philadelphia, Boston, and California were lower on the lighter weight eggs and unchanged on the remainder. Prices in most other areas were lower on all sizes. The market tone was cautiously steady to about steady. Demand was usually moderate and was best where scattered features were in progress for this week. Supplies were adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient to ample for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were more than adequate for regular slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia and Boston, prices were unchanged to 3 cents lower on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample and demand for additional product was light. Light type hens were more than sufficient for slaughter requirements.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail and food service demand was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand light to moderate for the fully adequate to ample offers. Most buyers taking a wait and see attitude and evaluating needs before purchasing additional product. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate to available.

SOUTHERN Prices were lower in Atlanta and in Florida. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady with some caution noted entering the week. Demand was light to moderate, best where limited features were in progress for this week. Supplies were adequate to ample for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending September 14, 2001 was 56.82 cents, 3.42 cents less than a week ago and 3.97 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock demand was light and supplies were fully adequate to ample. Light type hens were more than sufficient for normal slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices throughout the region unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 10% lower than last Monday with California down 4% and region-Washington-Utah down 18%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings in fair balance.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand into all outlets was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	98-100	85-87	56-58
New York	63-65	60-63	36-39
Philadelphia	61-63	59-61	35-38.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	49-50	47.5-49	27-28
Jackson (1)	60-61	56-57	36-37
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	58-66	54-62	33-41
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	49-54	48-53	28-33
Detroit (2)	46-49	45-48	24-27
Major Ohio Cities (2)	47-53	46-51	25-31
Major Wisconsin Cities	50-58	48-55	28-35
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	63-66	58-62	37-41
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	87	78	59
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings in fair balance. Small invoice price 39. Ads in Northern California: major-large dozen 109, 18 pack 99, buy 1 get 1 free. **PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	101	JUMBO	243-279
EXTRA LARGE	87	EXTRA LARGE	211-249
LARGE	78	LARGE	185-229
MEDIUM	59	MEDIUM	177-199
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	239-289	JUMBO	243-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-269	EXTRA LARGE	211-249
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	185-229
MEDIUM	149-199	MEDIUM	177-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 21, 2001 will decrease by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 14, 2001 were 268,893 cases which was 12 percent above the prior week and 9 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	233,516	35,377	268,893
% change from the prior week.....	+13	+3	+12

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices unchanged. Trading and demand light to moderate for the fully adequate to ample offers. Most buyers taking a wait and see attitude and evaluating needs before purchasing additional product. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-14

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate at best for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with current production adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-SEP-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11	7-9	8.01

WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate for the fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-SEP-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-10.5	7.5-9	8.12
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Sep 17, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
	Northeast	CENT	CENT				
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.7	21.1	6.4	11.2	10.4	56.8
	Change	-0.2	1.6	0.3	1.8	-2.5	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.2	57.7	15.9	22.0	22.9	140.7
	Change	5.4	-1.5	3.3	-0.2	-2.4	3%
Large	Curr Wk	27.0	94.6	70.9	87.6	74.3	354.4
	Change	-3.1	-4.8	-1.5	3.5	-10.2	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.6	48.3	21.7	27.6	24.5	135.7
	Change	-0.5	1.7	-2.3	0.5	0.9	0%
Small	Curr Wk	5.2	7.1	5.4	7.9	6.4	32.0
	Change	0.6	-4.5	-1.0	1.8	-1.0	-11%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.2	22.9	5.1	11.6	5.6	50.4
	Change	-0.1	1.3	-1.1	1.3	-1.0	1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.7	59.1	28.2	35.4	30.6	171.0
	Change	-7.4	-4.4	-0.1	-0.1	-2.9	-8%
Total	Curr Wk	98.6	310.8	153.6	203.3	174.7	941.0
Percent	Change	-5%	-3%	-2%	4%	-10%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	941.0	-3%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	306.0	0%	38
Total Shell Egg	1247.0	-2%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 03, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 03, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	139	139	129	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2001

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
26.00								12.00							
TOTAL LOADS								38.00							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	33.00	—	34.50	35.50	—	—	4.00	GL W XL	35.00	39.00	—	—	—	40.47	4.75
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	28.50	30.00	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	43.00	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	22.50	24.50	1.00	GL W MD	19.20	21.00	—	—	—	25.00	3.50
GL W XL	—	—	42.00	43.50	32.26	—	6.75	GL W SM	14.00	16.00	—	—	—	—	.25
GL W LG	—	—	—	40.00	34.50	—	4.00								
GL W MD	18.00	—	—	—	18.00	20.00	5.00								
GL W SM	17.50	19.00	—	—	14.00	16.00	2.00								
NRBS - 48	25.50	27.00	25.00	26.00	—	28.00	10.50								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/10/01-09/14/01

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
118.00								67.75							
TOTAL LOADS								185.75							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	33.00	33.55	33.83	36.38	30.50	32.14	31.00	GNR W 2	—	31.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 2	26.00	29.00	—	—	28.63	30.00	6.00	GL W XL	35.00	40.12	—	—	—	43.29	24.50
GNR W 3	21.00	24.00	21.00	23.00	22.50	24.50	4.00	GL W LG	33.00	36.91	—	—	—	40.04	26.75
GNR BR 1	—	—	36.75	38.00	46.50	48.00	3.00	GL W MD	19.64	24.60	—	—	—	25.58	13.00
GL W XL	—	39.85	42.00	43.26	33.33	—	48.50	GL W SM	14.00	16.00	—	—	—	—	1.25
GL W LG	33.57	40.61	33.75	42.33	31.58	36.67	41.00	NRBS - 39	18.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	18.00	21.00	17.33	19.62	20.88	23.82	20.25								
GL W SM	16.56	18.75	15.42	16.83	14.00	16.00	11.00								
GL BR MD	—	—	24.50	26.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	25.63	27.00	25.00	26.00	27.00	27.93	27.50								
NRBS - 45	22.00	—	—	—	22.00	24.00	6.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	17.00	14.50	17.79	11.25								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 09/02/01 - 09/08/01

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Colorado	0	0	5,650	5,650
Iowa	3,960	0	37,926	41,886
Minnesota	0	0	5,070	5,070
Missouri	0	0	4,093	4,093
Nevada	0	0	400	400
New Hampshire	0	0	1,690	1,690
Ohio	0	800	2,450	3,250
Oregon	3,796	1,301	944	6,041
Texas	0	0	2,365	2,365
Utah	3,624	3,600	5,656	12,880
Virginia	0	630	0	630
Wisconsin	0	0	800	800
TOTAL	11,380	6,331	67,044	84,755
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	11,380	6,331	67,044	84,755

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
125-128	79-82	66-69	37-40	12-15

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
54-57	45-51	43-48	22-27	15-19

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
26-29	6-9	2

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
69.34	65.34	45.34	35.27

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/11/01	09/03/01	09/11/00
PACIFIC COAST	259	428	528
LOS ANGELES	0	0	464

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 09/2/01-09/8/01

30-dozen cases 6,868

Receipts from the mainland: 08/28/01-09/1/01

30-dozen cases 5,316

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